

this well. Persons wishing to drink from it should answer questions which I put to them; if any one drinks without answering, he will die." The other brothers had defied the spirit and tried to drink and died. Yudhisthira was told that if he answered his brothers too would get back their life. He was more patient than they and answered the questions and brought his brothers back to life and drank the water.

India's position in the world to-day is that of Yudhisthira in the story. Eldest of the nations, alone of the ancient civilizations still alive, exile from power and confronted with a hundred problems; the similarity is astonishingly complete. These problems that confront the country relate to every aspect of life. How weld this population of such diverse ways into one nation in the modern sense? How teach the various religions that they are parts of the one religion that mankind is building up? How teach the castes to remain castes to work out the fine points of their tradition and yet feel as parts of one unit and not as different units whose interests are in conflict? How give to the ancient religion of the people the coherence of a single structure without restricting the broad base which provides room in it for many types of mind and spirit? How, in fact, continue belief in peace as the sovereign good and yet win the place that is due to

it in the
lordship of the world ? These are among
the problems
that demand immediate solution in this
country, not
merely in theory but in the practice of
life. All parts
of the country have to contribute to the
solution and
the Karnatak along with the others. It is to
be hoped
that this land which made noble
contributions to Indian